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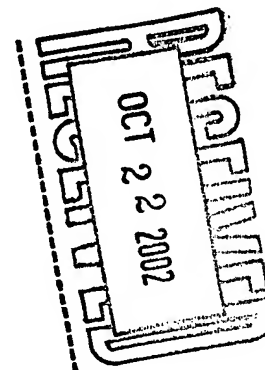
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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re Application of:)
H. RUELLAN, et al.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 10/045,073) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,724,556
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,915,113

Document (1) is discussed in the subject application commencing at page 1, line 31, and is believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted therein.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application, which has been commonly assigned with the subject application:

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>FILING DATE</u> | <u>GROUP ART UNIT</u> |
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the specification, claims and drawings for the above-identified Application is enclosed. It is believed that a Japanese priority application for the above-identified U.S. Application has been published, making the Japanese application potentially available as prior art under § 102(a).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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